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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: HB 1352

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BILL AMENDED: Feb 4, 2004

SUBJECT: Law Enforcement Training Center.

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BILL STATUS: As Passed Senate

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
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 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill establishes a Southwest Indiana Law Enforcement Training Center.

Effective Date: July 1, 2004.

Explanation of State Expenditures: This bill establishes the Southwest Indiana Law Enforcement Training Academy. The bill does not specify where the academy should be located or how many individuals it would provide training for. The academy would provide: (1) basic training to a law enforcement officer who is not accepted by the law enforcement academy for the next basic training course because the academy does not have a space for the officer in the next basic training course; (2) pre-basic courses; (3) in-service training; and (4) other law enforcement training approved by the Law Enforcement Training Board.

The bill provides that the academy may only receive funding from (1) a local unit of government; (2) a unit of a fraternal order or a similar association; (3) charitable contributions; or (4) federal grants. The bill does not require the Indiana Law Enforcement Training Board to adopt rules or provide funding for the academy.

Background Information: Indiana currently has four law enforcement training centers: Plainfield, Indianapolis, Fort Wayne, and Northwest.

Plainfield: Plainfield Law Enforcement Training Center graduates 400 individuals annually. The average cost per trainee is \$6,500. There is no charge to a student, or the law enforcement agency which sent them, unless a student chooses to be a tuition student. Plainfield employs 60 total staff including 5 administrators and 14 full-time training staff. The starting salary for training staff is \$31,000, administrators average \$45,000 annually, and the Director's salary is \$73,000. The Plainfield Center reports that there is anywhere from a 4- to 7-month waiting period depending on the time that the individual applies; in-service classes are rarely

full.

Northwest: The Northwest Indiana Law Enforcement Academy provides both in-service and recruit training for 44 police agencies in 8 counties in Northwest Indiana.

Total expenditures for all training conducted in 2003 was approximately \$250,000. The center trains an average of 1,500 officers each year through in-service training programs; an additional 50 recruit officers complete the program as well. The average cost for a recruit officer is \$1,100. Member police agencies pay an annual \$70 per capita fee for officers to receive recruit and in-service training. The agency conducts an average of 110 to 130 classes per year. The center is staffed by one administrator, one full-time officer manager, and two part-time employees. Instructors are contracted for through member agencies. The administrator's average salary is \$46,000. The Northwest Center reports that there is no waiting list to attend recruit training, however, a waiting list for in-service training exists occasionally. The Academy was established by state statute to help alleviate the waiting list problem at the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy in Plainfield.

Indianapolis: The Indianapolis Law Enforcement Training Center has been contacted for information, however, has yet to respond. The Indianapolis Center graduates an average of 45 students annually.

Fort Wayne: The Fort Wayne Law Enforcement Training Center has been contacted for information, however, has yet to respond. The Fort Wayne Center graduates an average of 22 students annually.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: Law Enforcement Training Board; Indiana State Police.

Local Agencies Affected: Local law enforcement agencies.

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